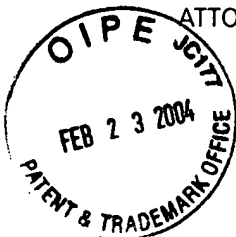


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Art Unit 1644

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Application No. 09/458,299; Filed: December 10, 1999
For: **Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to HER2/neu Using Peptide and
Nucleic Acid Compositions**
Inventors: **FIKES et al.**
Our Ref: 2060.0140000/HCC/J-H

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Reply to Restriction Requirement; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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Reply to Requirement for Election of Species

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated January 22, 2004 requesting several elections of species, Applicants hereby provisionally elect:

(a) isolated peptides that are 9 amino acids in length (claims 44, 62 and 79 are readable thereon),

(b) one or more different peptides, i.e., a heteropolymer (claims 51, 71 and 88 are readable thereon),

(c) a composition further comprising one or more different peptides (claims 54-58, 75 and 92 are readable thereon),

(d) one or more different peptides form a fusion peptide (claims 55 and 57 are readable thereon)

(e) the peptide KVFGLAFV (SEQ ID NO:4233) (as previously elected) (claims 59-75 are readable thereon).

Claim 41 is generic. Applicants assert the right to claim additional species in the event that a generic claim thereto is found to be allowable in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.141(a).

All of the above-listed elections are made without traverse.

The above-listed elections of species are made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed. Consideration and allowance of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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